



TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 1910

There is considerable doubt through the state as to the status of the law relating to the time between the holding of local option elections. Many are under the impression that the bill extending the time from two to four years became a law, which is erroneous. The bill in question simply amended the existing local option law to the extent of providing that no election on the sale of intoxicating liquors could be held in any community within four years of the last preceding election on the same subject. The measure was reported from the House committee on counties, cities and towns. On its second reading it met with considerable opposition from both sides, representing towns which had voted dry and in which there were people who wanted to carry them wet, and towns which had voted wet and which it was hoped to carry dry next time. The bill was therefore amended so that the four-year term would not apply to any town or city which had heretofore voted. In other words, only towns heretofore voting would know that they were settling the matter for four years instead of two. The bill passed the House and went to the Senate. It was thereupon referred to the committee on counties, cities and towns organizations. On March 2 it was reported from this committee with amendments, and went on the calendar the next day. When final adjournment was reached the measure was still on its second reading, having never reached a vote in the upper body.

In his speech at Passaic, N. J., last night, in his comment on the delay in passing the statehood bill President Taft acknowledged that there was a "hesitation" on the part of the republicans in the Senate to pass a bill which is "so likely to add four democrats to the Senate." The present seems to be an administration not for all the people but for the republican party. The idea of two large territories being kept out of statehood simply because they may send democrats to the Senate!

As heretofore stated the Senate has stricken out the most important feature of the McCall publicity bill which has passed the House—that is, the publication of campaign contributions. What would have been the effect if the people had known before the last election how much the beef trust, and the Wall street corporations contributed? The answer is easy.

A bill was introduced in the House yesterday to make a horizontal increase in all pensions not in excess of \$20 monthly. Increasing pensions as proposed by the bill would raise the pension expenditures of the government \$20,000,000 annually. It seems that the amount of pension money is never to be decreased, it matters not how many pensioners die.

All the granite stones in the Giltender building, at Wall and Nassau streets, New York, now being torn down, are to be used by an enterprising Brooklyn tombstone maker. Enough granite will be procured by him to make large numbers of ordinary sized headstones and little tombstones. For ingenuity and thrift the Brooklyn contractor is peculiar.

From Washington.

Washington, May 10.—Although the British embassy has received no official notice concerning the funeral of the late king, preparations are being made for a memorial service, which will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on the day of the funeral. Invitations will be extended to the president and his cabinet, the justices of the Supreme Court, the members of the committee on foreign relations of the Senate and House, members of the diplomatic bodies and such others as Ambassador Bryce may select. It is probable the Episcopal bishop of Washington will officiate at the ceremony although details have not been decided upon. The service will in all probability be held on May 20, the date set, according to unofficial advice, for the royal funeral.

A bill was today introduced in the Senate by Senator Jones, authorizing the postmaster general to conduct experiments in the parcels post service on rural free delivery routes. It is similar to the amendment offered to the post-office appropriation bill allowing \$25,000 for such experiments.

The proposition to make Mr. Roosevelt special ambassador of the United States to the funeral of the late King Edward of England was discussed at today's regular meeting of the Taft Cabinet. President Taft is much in favor of the appointment of his predecessor to represent America at the formal obsequies. There was a general sentiment among the cabinet members in favor of naming the former president. It is probable that some action in the matter will be taken by the President and Secretary of State Knox today or tomorrow.

The House committee on the judiciary today authorized Representative Parker to ask the speaker for recognition to call up next Monday the resolution changing inauguration date and effecting the terms of office of president, vice-president, senators and representatives. The speaker informed the chairman that he will be recognized for such purpose.

The beginning of the end of the fight over the administration railroad bill in the House bore in sight today when the bill was reported from the committee of the whole to the House in legislative session for the final vote. It was but a battered specter of the measure that Attorney General Wickham framed, and that President Taft sent to the House, that appeared there today. But President Taft is satisfied with it, the regulars are confident that it will pass, and the insurgents are congratulating themselves for the havoc they say they have wrought with the bill. Despite the fact that two of the bill's most important sections have been eliminated—the pooling agreement, and the merger clauses—and two foreign features have been added—the long and the short haul clause, and the physical valuation provision, President Taft says that the bill is not materially changed, and by no means has been emasculated.

"I am not as familiar with the condition of the bill in the House as I am in the Senate," is the way he puts it. "But I think that possibly the statement of the bill in the Senate will show, what is the fact, that the bill has not been emasculated in either House and that it contains almost all of the remedial features of the original administration bill, and that these things which have been omitted are neither substantial nor vital." House regulars are sure that the bill, what there is left of it, will pass, but meantime they are a little nervous. Mr. Dwight, the republican whip, with a band of assistants was on hand early today, lining up the wavering votes. They argued manfully against eleven hour objections, and sought to obviate every "bad cold" or "sickness in the family" or similar misfortune, that might keep a member away from the final roll call.

Mr. Dwight called at the White House before the House went into session today to reassure the president as to the prospect of the railroad bill. He said that the regulars were in better "fighting trim" than they had been this session, and said the passage of the railroad bill was a certainty.

There is much administration objection to a long and short haul clause in the bill, but the insurgents and many regulars are behind the provision. President Taft has administered time and again against the danger of a "mileage freight rate basis." "But we are going to stand behind that long and short haul clause," said an insurgent today, "fall along the line, and it will stay in the bill until it becomes a popular amusement in houses. And I think the House conferees will have to insist on that clause." The hope of the administration supporters now is that the real bill will be made by the conference committee.

The report of such a committee cannot be amended but must be either adopted into or rejected. The conference report is a convenient thing for a member who favors a bill that is unpopular with his constituents. He can oppose features of it, or avoid votes while it is under consideration and then vote for a conference report, with the excuse that he could not amend it, and that he had to vote for it as a party measure. The regulars today took the attitude that the bill as it stands is satisfactory, following President Taft's lengthy dissertation on the good features remaining in the bill, at Passaic last night.

On his return from Passaic, N. J., today, the president reached the end of his immediate traveling programme. A trip to New York on Thursday, and a trip to Atlantic City on May 21 have been cancelled, and it has been practically determined that he will abandon a proposed visit to Ohio and Michigan, scheduled for the first week in June. Probably the main factor that determined the president to cease for a time to be a traveling man was his absence from the city when Congress began to chop holes in his railroad bill. On his return from his western trip when the railroad bill was under the axe, legislative leaders, as well as newspapers all over the country criticized his absence. It was recalled that when the insurgents began their attack on Speaker Cannon and the rule committee, Mr. Taft was taking another eight day jaunt. When he reached Washington the battle was over. "Every time I get away from Washington, they start something," is the way Mr. Taft feels about it, and he has determined to be on hand the next time things happen.

With a vote of 4 to 2 the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee today tried an attempt on the part of Attorney Louis Brandeis to drag in a connection between the election of Senator Samuel H. Piles of Washington, the appointment of Mr. Ballinger, as commissioner of the general land office, and the political activities of the Gargenhelm-O'Donnell family in Washington.

After thinking for a month to find a man acceptable to both sides Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neil today announced the appointment of William L. Chambers, of this city, as third arbitrator in the pending controversy between the railroads west of Chicago and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Mr. Chambers was formerly a member of the Spanish treaty claims commission. He will leave for Chicago tomorrow and it is expected that the arbitration proceedings will begin in that city Friday morning. Forty-seven railroads are concerned in this case. The questions to be arbitrated are mainly related to demands for increased wages. There is involved, however, a dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers as to which organization is entitled to represent in disputes with his employers a fireman who has been promoted to the position of engineer.

Charge Monroe informed the State Department today in dispatches from Sao Jose, Costa Rica that he is now positive that no Americans were injured in the earthquake at Cartago. He gives no details of the rescue work.

In order to expedite the delivery and receipt of money orders the House Post-office Committee today made a favorable report on a bill making it unnecessary for the postmaster issuing a money order to send a notice to the postmaster on whom it is drawn. Another bill favorably reported amends the present law so that the sender of a registered letter will not be compelled to take a receipt but may do so on his own request.

The first effort of the tariff board to get inside information as to cost of production abroad will be made in Germany. Professor Henry C. Emory, chairman of the board will leave tomorrow from New York for Germany. That country has taken an industrial census and Professor Emory desired only to study the results but also the methods employed in obtaining them. In the course of the work of the tariff board it may become desirable to

take a similar census in this country in which case the experiences of the Germans might prove helpful.

Awaiting Electrocutation.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, May 10.—Eight men in the penitentiary await execution in the next ten days. Samuel Hardy, of Suffolk, is one and four negroes from Alexandria are on the list. Governor Mann yesterday wrote to Alexandria that any plea for the negroes must be presented to him in writing at once, as he will not consider verbal statements.

Ashton Pretlow, of Suffolk, note teller in the Suffolk National Bank, shot himself with suicidal intent this morning and is dying. His accounts are straight. Casner Woolford says cigarettes and a well known beverage sold at soda fountains are responsible.

Roosevelt in Berlin.

Berlin, May 10.—Because Theodore Roosevelt's special train arrived precisely on time today, there was much confusion in the reception plans at the railway station. Authorities had been informed that the train was thirty minutes late, and with the exception of Baron von Schoen, the minister of foreign affairs, and his brilliant staff, there was no one at the station to meet Mr. Roosevelt.

The Kaiser had planned to have his imperial guard drawn up at the station to welcome him and to convey the Roosevelt to the American Embassy in Imperial carriages.

The guard, resplendent in gold and lace, and the imperial carriages, rich with their trappings, all arrived, however, after the Roosevelt had been handed into taxicabs and started for the embassy.

When the Kaiser heard of the mistake he was greatly "fused" and upbraided those in charge of the reception plans for their carelessness.

In consequence of the death of King Edward, the meetings between Roosevelt and the Kaiser will be few and informal. The first of these took place at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Potsdam Palace, where the Roosevelt had luncheon today. The greeting the Kaiser extended was cordial in the extreme, though it was evident that he was much depressed by his royal cousin's death.

Crown Prince Wilhelm and his family were also at the palace. The family albums of the Hohenzollerns, which are only shown to visitors on rare occasions, were inspected by Mr. Roosevelt.

Leaving the palace, the Roosevelt motored back to the embassy where they will remain as Ambassador Hill's guests during their stay here. The next meeting between Roosevelt and the Kaiser will take place at the University of Berlin, Thursday, when Roosevelt delivers the third of his European lectures. It is probable that a third and more extended meeting will be arranged.

Signs of Collapse of Truce.

London, May 10.—There are signs today of a collapse of the political truce declared between the liberal and conservative leaders in order to permit the new King George to have as smooth sailing as possible at the beginning of his regime.

Liberals are accusing the conservatives of seeking to take advantage of the situation to strengthen their position. They point to many evidences in support of their charge, and it is feared now that a crisis will shortly take place after the new regime gets under way.

There is a growing belief among the liberals that every month's delay weakens their chances of winning the fight to destroy the veto power of the Lords and they are likely to force the issue again before the end of the summer.

Premier Asquith called his colleagues into a hurried and informal conference this morning and at 11:30 he visited the king to present his condolences and discuss the political outcome. It was the first meeting between the premier and the king. Asquith would give out nothing regarding either the cabinet meeting or his talk with the king.

The cabinet members, all of whom are now in the city, offered their portfolios to the king today, who immediately returned them. This is the custom when a new king is enthroned.

Women's Revolver Clubs.

Raleigh, N. C., May 10.—Attacks on white women by negroes in lonely districts have been so frequent of late that "women's revolver clubs" are being organized today. A coroner's jury at Onslowville today exonerated Mrs. Marcus Rhodes for killing a negro who entered her home. The woman, fearing that the negro intended to attack her, seized a shot gun and blew off his head.

Consecration of a Bishop.

Philadelphia, May 10.—Rev. Dr. John B. Macgregor, of this city, was today consecrated Bishop of Nueva Oceras, Philippine Islands, before an audience of bishops, monsignors, priests and laymen who thronged the old cathedral in Logan square.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Monsignor Falcoio, papal legate to the United States, with Bishop Frendergast, of this city, and Bishop Fitzmaurice, of Erie, as consecrators. Rev. Dr. William Temple, of Wilmington, Del., delivered the sermon.

Refused to Dismiss Indictments.

New York, May 10.—Judge Hugh, in the United States Circuit Court today, refused to dismiss further indictments against Fritz Angustus Heizer, the Montana copper king, charged with violations of the banking laws, and ordered the trial continue. The indictment of 1910, containing seven counts, and the indictment of 1909, containing one count, were dismissed yesterday, and Heizer now stands accused of 39 counts in an indictment of 1908.

Deputy Sheriffs Jailed.

Greensboro, Pa., May 10.—Twenty-three deputy sheriffs held by the coroner's jury because of the death of Paul Reno, a miner, during a riot for which the coroner holds the deputies responsible, were jailed here today. It is expected that another one of the miners injured during the battle will die.

Behaved by Automobile.

Chicago, May 10.—A score of policemen are today stationed at road houses on the outskirts of the city to watch for a big yellow touring car, which last night beheaded the wife of a wealthy contractor. The car filled with men and women, and traveling 45 miles an hour, struck the victim, Mrs. Albert Behr, as she was crossing the street with her husband and three sons. The machine buried her fifty feet, severing the head from

Virginia News.

The battalion of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute left Lexington yesterday on the first day's practice march to Sassafras.

Fire last night at Suffolk totally destroyed the grain elevator of the Virginia Mills, practically every bin in which was filled with corn, loss \$25,000.

The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia will hold their annual meeting at the Women's Club in Richmond this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The tenth annual convention of the Virginia delegates of the Knights of Columbus met in the organization's new home in Richmond this morning and will adjourn Wednesday evening.

The sale of the Pannett farm, which contains ninety-eight acres to Mr. George Bowly and wife on Saturday by Mrs. T. W. Harrison for \$15,740, shows the large increase in value of land in Frederick county in the past several years.

Alexander Skidmore, a Confederate veteran, of Stafford county, was paralyzed Friday night at his home, near Fredericksburg. He was taken to the Mary Washington Hospital in that city for treatment and died Saturday night.

George Wellford Garnett, of Washington, and Miss Wanda Bronson Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clarke, of Spotsylvania county, were married Saturday evening at Willow Oakes, the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. Decatur Edwards, of Fredericksburg.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Association of Surgeons of the Southern Railway, will be held in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond May 24 to 26. Surgeons from all over the Southern system will be present when the convention is called to order at 10 o'clock on Tuesday by Chairman J. A. White, of the committee on arrangements.

Mysterious Murder.

Denver, Colo., May 10.—A strange symbol carved in the forehead of Mrs. Katherine Wilson whose body was found jammed into a packing case in the basement of her home in the fashionable Capitol Hill district, has the police mystified today. The woman was strangled to death with a cloth which was still twisted tightly about her throat. The symbols in the form of the Greek letter Delta, on each side of which extend two straight marks, the skin being cut away in this strips. A Japanese house-cleaner who is reported to have helped Mrs. Wilson put her home in readiness for occupancy is being sought by the police. It is believed the murder was committed Saturday.

Methodist Pastors Issue Manifesto.

Portsmouth, Va., May 10.—The Methodist pastors of Norfolk and Portsmouth today issued a manifesto to their congregations, upbraiding the members for a violation of their vows to renounce all worldlyness. The pastors declare that their communities are full of ungodliness and beg the Methodists to stay away from theatres, card parties and all places where wine is drunk socially. The manifesto is signed by practically every pastor in the two cities and has created much commotion in the social set.

Blown to Atoms.

Burgessville, Pa., May 10.—Frank McCullough, aged 35, an oil well shooter of Steubenville, Ohio, his horses and wagon were blown to atoms here today when a nitro-glycerine magazine exploded. Every building in town was severely shaken and windows shattered.

Charged With Burglary.

Potomac, Va., May 10.—J. R. Gray, once a prosperous merchant, was arrested today on a warrant sworn to by his son, who charges the father with burglarizing his home and taking goods to exchange for whisky. Gray was held for the grand jury.

MR. TAFT'S SPEECH.

In a speech before the Passaic, N. J., Board of Trade last night, in which he discussed the legislative situation at Washington, President Taft declared with a great deal of emphasis that the railroad bill has not been emasculated in any vital way and predicted that a satisfactory law would be passed.

In his review of pending legislation Mr. Taft expressed the belief that the following measures would be enacted into law.

Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico. Postal savings banks. Anti-injunction. The so-called validating bill of the conservation measure. The publicity of campaign expenditures. The railroad bill.

Gauges over the list of High Grade Shoes sold exclusively by J. H. & T. O'Connell, Queen Quality, Red Cross, Linder Sack Co., N. H. & Bro. (The H. & S.), Taylor & Co. (Taylor Made), Brocton Co. Operative Co., Walk Over, Regal, Excelsior Shoe Co. and many others. J. A. Marshall & Bro. 422 King street.

TO FURNISH TRANSPORTATION.

The House of Representatives yesterday, without objection, passed the bill of Representative Carlin, requiring the commissioners of the District of Columbia, to furnish transportation to prisoners released, or about to be released, from the new penal institutions in Virginia. He said these institutions were located in a rural part of his district, and it was feared that danger might follow the release of the prisoners at the doors of the jail and workhouse. Some question was raised as to the legality of transporting prisoners from the penal institutions back to the District of Columbia, on the ground that they would be entitled to their sentences. Representative Clark, of Missouri, said that in his opinion prisoners of the District of Columbia confined in the Virginia institutions could obtain their liberty at any time on writs of habeas corpus.

Predictions of an earth shock and tidal wave in Panama caused great alarm among the people yesterday and resulted in the arrest of the practical jokers who circulated the report.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co. and Richard Gibson.

DIED.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, at 2 a.m., at her residence, 311 Queen street, MARY L. BENSON, widow of the late George Benson. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

News of the Day.

Three young women of Staten Island have undertaken to fast 17 days to improve their health and looks.

Secretary Mac Veach has issued a statement saying President Taft was not in favor of a central bank at present.

President Taft opened the Actors' Food Fair in New York yesterday evening and later spoke at Passaic, New Jersey.

The Senate naval committee yesterday reported the naval appropriation bill without altering the House provision for two additional Dreadnoughts.

President Taft sent a special message to Congress yesterday stating that a congressional investigation of the sugar frauds would be expedient at this time.

Mrs. Charles W. Morse appeared in the House and Senate chambers in Washington yesterday with a petition to the president requesting a pardon for her husband, the New York financier, who is serving a term in the Atlanta prison.

The Oretan assembly met yesterday and reaffirmed its desire for the annexation of the island to Greece. The announcement to the public was greeted with tremendous cheering. Following this the deputies took an oath of allegiance to the king of Greece by acclamation. The Muslims among the deputies protested formally, but the protest was tabled.

While brooding over possible ill effects of the comet's visit, Paul Hammetton, a sheepman and prospector living near San Bernardino, Cal., became insane and crucified himself. Hammetton was found where he had nailed his feet and one hand to a rude cross, which he had erected. Although he was suffering intense agony, Hammetton pleaded with his rescuers to let him remain on his cross. Since the visit of comet A, 1910, Hammetton has been much alarmed, and when he learned that the earth was scheduled to pass through the tail of Halley's comet his mind gave way. He believed that the end of the world was at hand.

Senators Aldrich and Hale, republicans, and Senators Money, Bailey, Bacon and Hughes, democrats, held a brief conference in Washington, yesterday to see if some agreement could be reached to dispatch business and figure on adjournment. There was no representative of the insurgents present. It was agreed that everything possible to hurry a vote on the railroad bill would be done by the leaders of both parties. No conclusions were reached in relation to any other matter, however. Senator Bailey served notice that he would try to force an early consideration of the statehood bill.

The dead body of George W. White was found lying face downward in the bushes in old Graceland Cemetery in Washington yesterday. He had purchased a bottle of carbolic acid at a drug store, just across the street, and evidently drank its contents. Domestic strife and ill luck are said to have prompted his suicide.

SUICIDE OF A WOULD-BE MURDERER.

In a fit of jealous rage Perry Hattie, a school teacher of Shenandoah county, shot Miss Naomi Coffman five times; then turning the weapon on himself he fired a bullet into his heart, dying instantly. Hattie had been attentive to Miss Coffman, accompanied by Frank Dodson, Miss Coffman had attended church near Nortonville, Shenandoah county. While returning in a carriage they were met by Hattie who began firing. At the first shot the horse became frightened, and ran off, throwing the occupants out. Then Hattie fired four more shots at the young woman. With one shot left in the pistol, he requested Miss Coffman to shoot him. This she refused to do. Then turning the pistol on himself, he ended his life. Miss Coffman was taken to a neighbor's home and physicians were summoned. The wounds are dangerous, one entering her abdomen, another over the heart, a third the lung, the fourth the hand, and the fifth the arm. Her recovery is doubtful.

Sixty-first Congress.

SENATE.—The railroad bill was taken up in the Senate today within 15 minutes after it convened. Senator Aldrich, made a request to that effect and there was no objection.

Senator Piles, continued his speech begun yesterday in opposition to the proposed long and short haul amendment. He said it would prove detrimental to the coast cities, although cities in the eastern portion of Washington might be benefited by it.

The retention of existing law so far as the long and short haul question is concerned was strongly advocated by Senator Lodge. He said it must necessarily be the rule that a long haul is cheaper than a short one. He held that water competition was not the only controlling element but distance was an important factor.

HOUSE.—The administration railroad bill was taken up in the House today.

The Mann amendment to the railroad bill practically restoring the merger section was defeated by a vote of 169 to 160. The administration railroad bill was passed by the House this afternoon by a vote of 200 to 155. Every republican supported the measure while 12 democrats, including Mr. Sanders, of Virginia, voted ayes.

Representative Adamson's motion to recommend the bill with instructions to eliminate the commerce court provisions was defeated by a vote of 176 to 150. Twelve insurgents voted for the motion. This vote was considered a victory for the administration forces.

The House this afternoon adopted a resolution calling on the secretary of war to transmit copies of all documents relating to the alleged purchase of Filipino lands in the Philippines by the sugar trust in violation of the land laws.

John and Joseph Brennan and Paul Dietrich were arrested in Brooklyn on the charge of robbing a post-office in a West Virginia city of \$2,000. The prisoners were arraigned before United States Commissioner Morale, who held them in \$10,000 each. The secret service men decline to tell in what Virginia city the men are wanted.

W. D. Wilson of Washington attempted to commit suicide in Baltimore today.

The Market.—Groggdown, D. C. May 10. Wheat 100—10



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LARGE SUBSCRIPTION.

With an indicator, in the form of a clock face, in full view of the congregation, Rev. Dr. J. O. Knott, of the Methodist Church South, of Warrenton, took subscriptions to the amount of \$8,000 at last Sunday morning's service.

Dr. Knott was spotted in Warrenton at the late session of the B. I. M. Conference of the Southern Methodist Church. Steps were at once taken by the pastor looking to a new church building on an eligible site. Such a site was secured in the western section of the town for \$8,000. The officials of the congregation told the pastor that if subscriptions could be secured to the amount of \$8,000, this, in connection with proceeds from the sale of the old church, would be sufficient, as they thought, to justify their starting at once to build.

The device of the clock-face, with a red star to indicate the \$8,000 mark, by its novelty, proved to be an agency to arouse considerable enthusiasm, as the band moved rapidly around to the red mark, and subscriptions were reported. The mark was reached in fifteen minutes. The congregation at once crowded about the altar, fervent in their congratulations of the pastor and each other.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Collector Loeb suspended nine customs inspectors in New York yesterday and three employees in other branches of the service pending further investigation of their record. The twelve men were formally assistant weighers engaged in weighing importations of sugar and cheese.

Six firemen were overcome and another seriously injured in a conflagration which early today did \$50,000 damage to the five story brick building at 1430-32-34 South Penn Square, Philadelphia.

Forest fires in the western end of the upper peninsula today threatened to wipe out the village of Allston, thirty miles from Houghton, Michigan. The town is completely surrounded by fire. All the residents are now fighting the flames. There has been no rain in the copper country for several weeks.

King George gave an audience to Ambassador Whitelaw Reid in London this afternoon, at which it was understood the question of Mr. Roosevelt representing the United States at the funeral of the late king was discussed.

A strike of building laborers in Utica, N. Y., declared 10 days ago, developed violence today resulting in the arrest of 145 strikers and the sentencing of two to terms in jail on a charge of assault.

Two women are believed to be dying and two men are seriously injured and one man is badly hurt as the result of a head-on collision between two automobiles in Elizabeth City, N. J., just before noon today.

THE METHODISTS.

The most important action by the general conference of the Southern Methodist Church in Asheville, N. C., yesterday, was the voting down, by a vote of 105 to 162, of a substitute motion providing for the election of the stewards of the church by the church conference, that is the congregation, instead of by the quarterly conference, after they have been nominated by the pastor in charge. This was amended by adding that the stewards be nominated by the church conference, but even this did not meet with approval.

Another matter of importance was the report of the Sunday school committee, which recommended that a field secretary be appointed to aid in advancing the work of that department.

The Vanderbilt University question was considered by the committee on education in an open meeting. The discussion was not finished and will be continued Wednesday afternoon.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will clear the sour stomach, sweeten the breath and create a healthy appetite. They promote the flow of gastric juice, thereby inducing good digestion. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co. and Richard Gibson.

NOTICE.—Jr. O. U. A.

The members of Alexandria Council, No. 33, Jr. O. U. A., are requested to meet at the council chamber tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, W. M. A. ALLISON, from 214 South Fayette street. By order of the Council.

JAMES H. MANSFIELD, Secretary.

REWARD.—For the return of a sable and white COLLIE, answering to